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Applicant: Bitler

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15 Sir,

This paper is filed in reply to the Office Action mailed April 25, 2002, which is a final rejection. Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance (or allowability) of many of the claims. Reexamination, reconsideration and allowance of the rejected claims are respectfully requested in view of the Amendments and Remarks below.

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REQUEST TO RECONSIDER THE FINALITY OF THE OFFICE ACTION

and

CONDITIONAL PETITION TO THE COMMISSIONER

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If the Examiner does not agree that this application is now in condition for allowance, he is asked to reconsider and withdraw the finality of the Office Action. If the Examiner does not withdraw the finality of the Office Action, please treat this request as a Petition to the Commissioner to do so.

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